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Park Authority to Dedicate Gazebo at Green Spring Gardens

He was a young man who loved to meet friends at Green Spring Gardens. He was moved by the natural world and is remembered by family and friends as a generous young man who contributed to the community and the world around him in a positive, lasting way. The memory of Jason Kenneth Duvall will be honored on Saturday, June 16, 2007 at 10 a.m. with the dedication of a gazebo at Green Springs Gardens in Alexandria, VA.

Duvall graduated from Annandale High School. After graduation, he attended VMI. In 1997, he enlisted in the United States Air Force and became a loadmaster on a C-130 cargo plane with the 50th Airlift Squadron at Little Rock Air Force Base in Little Rock, Arkansas. They were deployed throughout the world including Kuwait and Kosovo.

The highlight of his tour in the Middle East came in the spring of 1999 when he was selected to continue with his C-130 flight crew on a circumnavigation of the globe. He turned 21 years old on a stopover at Diego Garcia in the Indian Ocean.

His family has chosen to contribute in his memory to things that were very important to him. The family has presented video equipment and new hymnals to Annandale United Methodist Church where he was a member. The family has contributed to Mason District Dog Park as at the time of his death, Jason owned Sierra, a black Labrador retriever. Other support includes an entrance sign of stone with a planter at Lincolnia Park Recreation Club, a memory garden at a nursing home, a four wheel late model vehicle to Appalachian Service Project Headquarters in honor of his service to this endeavor, as well as the gazebo to be dedicated today.

At the time the Duvall Family approached Green Spring Gardens for a memorial for their son, the park was planning major renovations in the pond and stream area. Erecting the gazebo was part of that plan. This project will have long lasting benefits for the park and honor Jason's memory. Twenty-three year old Jason Kenneth Duvall was laid to rest at Arlington National Cemetery.

Green Spring Gardens is located at 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria. **From I-495:** Take Exit 54B (Braddock Road, East, Rte 620)). Travel approximately 3 miles (4th stoplight) crossing Little River Turnpike. Pass Pinecrest Shopping Center and Professional Complex on your right. Stay in the right hand lane and turn right onto Witch Hazel Road. Witch Hazel Road is the entrance to Green Spring Gardens.

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